

GORDON B. HINCKLEY'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. ASHCROFT. Mr. President, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mr. Gordon Hinckley, who celebrated his 90th birthday on June 23, 2000. Mr. Hinckley is a remarkable individual. He has witnessed and been involved in many of the events that have shaped our nation into the greatest the world has ever known. The longevity of his life has meant much more, however, to the many relatives and friends whose lives he has touched over the last 90 years.

Mr. Hinckley's celebration of 90 years of life is a testament to America. His achievements are significant and deserve to be recognized. I would like to join his many friends, relatives, and colleagues in wishing him health and happiness, including rich and fulfilling friendships, in the future. I salute him. •

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note) and the order of the House of Thursday, June 29, 2000, the Speaker on Friday, June 30, 2000 appointed the following member on the part of the House to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Ms. Lura Lynn Ryan of Illinois.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 986. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 129. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the importance and value of education in United States history.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1787. An act to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4132. An act to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984.

H.R. 4286. An act to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 322. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4132. An act to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4286. An act to provide for the establishment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 322. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding Vietnamese Americans and others who seek to improve social and political conditions in Vietnam; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1787. An act to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes Resources Conservancy, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, July 11, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 148. An act to require the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to provide assistance in the conservation of neotropical migratory birds.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9619. A communication from the Inspector General of the National Science Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to the fiscal year 2000 audit of the NSF's financial statements; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-9620. A communication from the President of Haskell Indian Nations University, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the final plan of the demonstration project for HINU; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-9621. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veteran Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act" (RIN2900-AK04) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-9622. A communication from the General Council, Office of Size Standards, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Small Business Size Standards: General Building Contractors, Heavy Construction,

Except Building, Dredging and Surface Cleanup Activities, Special Trade Contractors, Garbage and Refuse Collection, Without Disposal, and Refuse Systems" (RIN3245-AE23) received on July 10, 2000; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-9623. A communication from the Director of Operations and Finance, The American Battle Monuments Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Freedom of Information Act for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-9624. A communication from the Vice-Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election Cycle Reporting by Authorized Committees" received on July 7, 2000; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-528. A concurrent resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire relative to apple cider; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 35

Whereas, New Hampshire has over 60 small family-run cider mills which will likely be forced to close if the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) proceeds with new rules requiring pasteurization of apple cider offered for sale to the consuming public; and

Whereas, the costs of installing pasteurization equipment are prohibitive and are beyond the means of all but the very largest commercial apple cider makers; and

Whereas, alternative technologies using either ultraviolet rays or a strict process of washing and rinsing of the raw apples can accomplish the USFDA's goal of a 100,000-fold bacteria reduction: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring: That in order to preserve our tradition of making fine apple cider at local mills based at New Hampshire orchards, we urge the USFDA to defer its proposed rules requiring pasteurization for apple cider and instead consider adoption of processing standards which can achieve the same level of public protection at reasonable cost to our small cider makers; and

That copies of this resolution be sent by the house clerk to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Administrator of the United States Food and Drug Administration, and each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

POM-529. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire relative to local television access; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

Whereas, access to local broadcast television signals in certain rural areas is limited or unavailable and measures to facilitate the provision of local signals in unserved and underserved markets is required; and

Whereas, the United States Congress will again consider legislation establishing incentives including loan guarantees for multi-channel video services to provide the access to local broadcast television signals in unserved and underserved rural areas: Now, therefore, be it